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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1989 AUSTIN, TX 78778

ALL ESTIMATES FOR 1987 REVISED

All civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1988 have been revised. The 1988 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1988. These revisions utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates.

All labor force and nonfarm salaried jobs estimates for 1987 are also being revised and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State or for specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the ERA Department, Texas Employment Commission, TEC Building, Austin, TX 78778. Please specify the area(s) for which data are required.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. '89	Dec.'88	Jan.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,095.0	122,120.0	119,742.0
Unemployment	7,309.0	6,142.0	7,603.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	5.0%	6.3%
Total Employment	114,786.0	115,978.0	112,139.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,427.0	122,563.0	121,035.0
Unemployment	6,716.0	6,554.0	6,980.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	5.8%
Total Employment	116,711.0	116,009.0	114,055.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,188.1	8,265.9	8,138.6
Unemployment	621.8	515.2	680.8
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	6.2%	8.4%
Total Employment	7,566.3	7,750.7	7,458.0
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,303.0	8,284.0	8,250.0
Unemployment	590.0	591.0	650.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.1%	7.9%
Total Employment	7,713.0	7,693.0	7,600.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SEASONALLY

The Texas actual unemployment rate increased from December's 6.2 percent to 7.6 percent in January 1989. While joblessness rose over the month, the current rate was well below the year-ago rate of 8.4 percent. Total unemployment, at 621,800 in January, was up over 106,000 from the December level but was almost 60,000 below the January 1988 estimate. Total employment declined considerably over the month, but the January 1989 figure, 7,566,300, was over 100,000 above the January 1988 level. According to the Current Population Survey, there were an estimated 207,200 agricultural workers in the State in mid-January 1989.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas remained unchanged over the month, at 7.1 percent. The current rate was down considerably from the January 1988 rate of 7.9 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched up from 5.3 percent in December to 5.4 percent in January 1989, but the actual rate for the Nation rose a full percentage point, from 5.0 percent in December to 6.0 percent. Current rates in both series for the U. S. were well below the year-ago rates.

On an annual average basis, the Texas unemployment rate dropped to 7.3 percent in 1988 — its lowest level since 1985, when it was 7.0 percent. Total employment also rose to a new high in 1988, averaging 7,701,500.

NONFARM JOBS COUNT DECLINES

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas dropped substantially between December and January, due primarily to seasonal layoffs and inclement weather. In

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
TOTAL	49,600	50,000	48,400	78,100	77,000	78,100	353,300	355,400	349,800	132,600	133,900	129,700
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	4,700	9,000	9,000	9,800	41,400	41,400	40,400	25,100	25,000	25,400
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,400	700	700	800	1,800	1,800	1,700
Construction	2,100	2,100	1,900	3,400	3,500	3,300	13,700	13,800	14,300	8,800	8,800	7,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,400	5,500	5,500	5,800	10,500	10,500	10,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
Trade	13,900	14,200	13,200	22,500	23,100	21,800	75,800	77,800	76,200	32,100	33,200	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,400	2,500	4,200	4,200	4,500	24,200	24,100	24,400	5,300	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	12,800	12,900	13,100	16,800	16,900	16,200	84,800	84,700	82,800	29,700	29,700	28,800
Government	9,000	9,000	8,500	13,400	13,500	13,700	102,200	102,400	100,400	20,500	20,800	20,100

Industry	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
TOTAL	60,300	60,600	57,700	69,600	69,500	66,100	47,800	50,900	45,800	125,200	125,500	121,600
Manufacturing	15,700	15,700	15,300	10,100	10,000	9,700	3,400	3,500	3,300	11,300	11,300	11,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,300	–	–	–	600	600	700	4,500	4,400	4,000
Construction	7,400	7,400	5,700	2,100	2,100	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	8,300	8,300	7,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,800	3,000	3,100	2,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	6,500	6,500	6,800
Trade	11,100	11,300	11,000	18,300	18,400	17,200	10,100	10,700	10,300	31,400	31,500	30,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,800	3,800	3,500	1,500	1,600	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,400	7,900	15,800	15,600	14,400	9,000	8,900	8,300	28,700	28,700	28,200
Government	11,200	11,300	10,700	16,700	16,800	16,500	19,800	22,100	18,500	27,500	27,800	27,400

Industry	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
TOTAL	1,330.8	1,362.3	1,318.8	194,300	195,900	189,500	527,900	530,900	518,200	69,900	71,100	69,800
Manufacturing	222.2	222.8	222.3	39,800	40,600	39,800	121,000	121,500	118,100	8,200	8,300	8,000
Mining	17.8	18.2	18.8	–	–	–	4,100	3,700	3,800	500	500	500
Construction	50.0	50.9	56.2	8,800	8,800	8,900	22,100	22,200	22,600	4,800	4,900	4,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.0	92.4	89.2	10,700	10,800	10,400	30,700	30,800	29,900	4,500	4,800	4,900
Trade	348.0	354.3	339.4	47,000	47,000	45,100	136,400	138,200	135,400	13,400	14,100	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.8	127.7	129.8	8,400	8,400	8,700	26,500	26,800	26,800	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	330.5	333.8	315.7	39,900	39,100	39,500	118,300	118,200	111,900	13,700	13,900	13,200
Government	152.5	152.2	147.8	40,900	41,400	40,100	69,800	68,500	67,900	20,700	20,700	21,100

Industry	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
TOTAL	1,483.3	1,486.9	1,396.9	71,500	72,000	69,300	39,100	39,800	38,700	65,900	66,400	64,700
Manufacturing	158.7	159.1	150.8	8,400	8,300	7,700	1,900	1,800	1,700	15,800	15,900	15,700
Mining	67.1	67.0	64.1	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,100	3,700	3,800	3,800
Construction	86.2	87.9	83.0	3,500	3,600	3,200	1,100	1,000	1,200	3,100	3,200	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.9	101.8	96.7	2,700	2,800	2,700	5,000	5,000	4,500	3,100	3,100	3,000
Trade	362.1	370.7	348.7	16,200	16,700	16,000	11,600	11,900	10,600	17,000	17,300	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.1	101.0	100.9	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	387.3	386.9	386.5	16,400	16,200	15,300	6,400	6,400	6,000	12,000	12,100	11,800
Government	193.9	194.5	167.4	21,300	21,300	21,400	9,700	10,100	9,000	8,500	8,500	8,500

Industry	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
TOTAL	93,700	95,200	91,200	100,000	100,200	92,700	44,500	45,000	44,100	42,800	43,200	43,400
Manufacturing	7,500	7,600	7,100	14,300	14,400	12,800	2,600	2,700	2,600	4,100	4,100	4,000
Mining	400	400	500	900	900	900	9,900	9,900	10,400	5,700	5,700	6,300
Construction	3,100	3,200	2,800	4,100	4,100	4,000	1,300	1,400	1,200	1,800	1,900	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,700	4,800	4,800	3,200	3,200	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,600	28,600	27,400	31,800	31,900	28,400	10,100	10,200	10,000	12,800	13,000	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,200	3,700	3,800	3,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,200	23,100	21,800	16,300	16,100	15,400	9,500	9,600	9,200	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	21,700	22,000	21,600	25,700	25,800	24,500	6,500	6,600	6,100	7,400	7,500	7,600

Industry	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
TOTAL	38,400	38,700	38,400	503,200	508,900	491,500	37,200	37,000	37,200	44,900	45,400	44,700
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,400	47,200	47,800	46,900	11,200	11,000	11,000	7,500	7,500	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,200	2,200	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,600	22,500	23,000	26,800	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,300	19,100	19,000	18,900	1,800	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,200	9,400	9,100	127,200	130,800	125,000	8,000	7,900	7,700	10,400	10,800	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,500	39,700	38,300	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,000	124,900	128,100	119,100	6,400	6,400	6,700	9,500	9,500	9,000
Government	6,900	7,100	6,700	120,800	120,500	113,900	4,300	4,400	4,400	12,200	12,200	12,400

Industry	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
TOTAL	60,400	60,800	60,500	27,000	27,200	27,300	79,500	80,500	77,300	51,000	51,400	49,800
Manufacturing	10,400	10,500	10,600	3,000	3,000	3,000	14,700	14,700	14,500	8,200	8,200	8,300
Mining	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,300	1,300	1,800	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,400	1,500	3,800	3,700	3,300	2,100	2,200	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,700	1,300	1,300	1,400	3,300	3,400	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,200	7,800	7,800	7,400	18,800	19,100	18,400	12,100	12,500	11,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,800	4,900	4,700	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,400	14,500	14,200	5,900	6,000	5,900	21,500	21,600	20,600	11,900	11,900	11,600
Government	9,500	9,500	9,200	4,800	4,900	4,800	12,900	13,000	12,400	9,900	9,800	9,800

✦ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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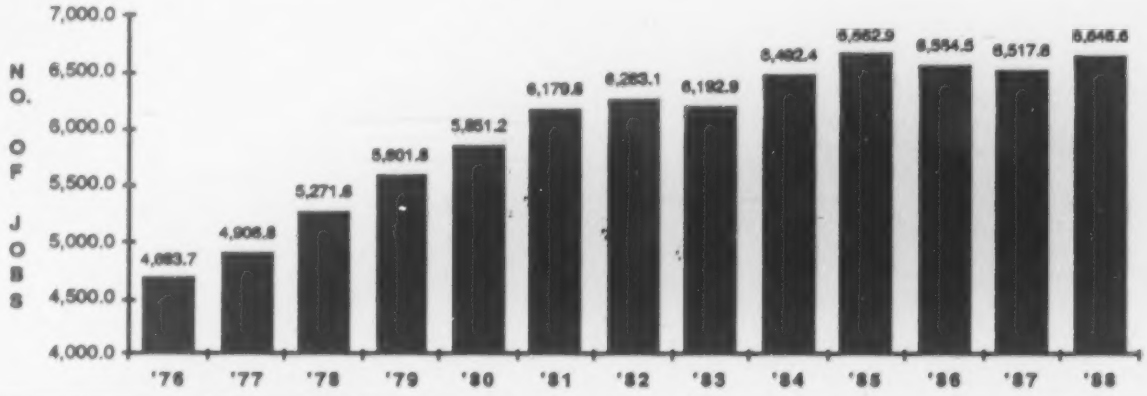
CHART 1
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
STATE OF TEXAS
Ann. Avgs. 1976 - 1988
(In Thousands)



mid-January 1989, there were an estimated 6,697,400 **Nonfarm Salaried Jobs** in Texas, down 57,600 from December but almost 196,000 above the January 1988 level. Since most of the over-the-month changes were seasonal, a look at annual average employment for 1987 and 1988 may provide more insight into changes in the State's economy.

Texas employers created close to 130,000 jobs between 1987 and 1988, bringing the Nonfarm Salaried Jobs total very close to its peak level recorded in 1985 [see **Chart 1** above]. The expansion was spread through every sector of the State's economy, with the exception of Construction, which continued to decline in 1988.

Over half of the growth was concentrated in **Services**, which generated 73,600 additional positions between 1987 and 1988. Two-thirds of this increase were in Health Services and in Business and Repair Services. Health Services, which gained more jobs than any other industry, recorded a growth rate of seven percent over the year. This industry is one of the strongest, both Statewide and Nationally, due to the proliferation of health care providers and to the needs of the ever-increasing older population.

Employment in Business and Repair Services has doubled in the last decade as the way Texas firms do business has changed. Technological breakthroughs have made computers accessible to even small companies, and computer services comprise a large part of Business Services. Another factor which has affected this sector is the increasing use of temporary workers rather than permanent employees for some jobs. Temporary help agencies are a sector of Business Services.

Government recorded strong increases over the past year, gaining almost 32,000 jobs. More than 75 percent of the growth was concentrated in the educational sector of local government, in schools and colleges. State Government also expanded moderately, while the Federal sector remained basically unchanged.

Manufacturing exhibited unusually vigorous growth in 1988, as employers created 26,500 positions over the year. Most of the increase was generated by the **Durable Goods** sector. Two industries within this group were responsible for a majority of this gain — Nonelectrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment.

Nonelectrical Machinery registered one of the strongest percentage growth rates from 1987 and 1988, at 14 percent. This industry increased by 7,900 jobs over the year, due to increased demand for both oil field equipment and computer components. Transportation Equipment has shown steady gains since 1983, due mostly to defense contracts for aircraft and parts. Between 1987 and 1988, this sector increased by 5,500 jobs.

Scattered small gains in several **Nondurable Goods** industries pushed this group up by 4,600 jobs over the year. The largest increases were in Apparel and Other

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Chg. from Dec. '88	Chg. from Jan. '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,697,400**	**6,755,000**	**6,501,600**	**-57,600**	**195,800**
MANUFACTURING	**964,000**	**966,400**	**946,400**	**-2,400**	**17,600**
Durable Goods	**556,900**	**558,100**	**545,100**	**-1,200**	**11,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	33,500	33,700	33,100	-200	400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,100	7,100	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,100	16,300	16,500	-200	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,700	41,800	41,400	-100	300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,300	17,400	17,800	-100	-500
Primary Metal Industries	28,200	28,400	28,100	-200	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,400	77,400	73,300	0	4,100
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	36,600	36,500	35,300	100	1,300
Machinery, exc. Electrical	105,400	105,400	103,400	0	2,000
Oil Field Machinery	25,000	25,300	24,700	-300	300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,100	117,400	117,200	-300	-100
Transportation Equipment	98,600	98,800	95,400	-200	3,200
Aircraft & Parts	56,800	56,800	54,600	0	2,200
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,300	24,100	23,400	200	900
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,600	14,800	13,300	-200	1,300
Nondurable Goods	**407,100**	**408,300**	**401,300**	**-1,200**	**5,800**
Food & Kindred Products	97,400	98,500	96,100	-1,100	1,300
Meat Products	28,500	29,000	28,700	-500	-200
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,900	10,000	9,600	-100	300
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,100	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	57,500	57,100	56,500	400	1,000
Paper & Allied Products	25,100	25,300	23,700	-200	1,400
Printing & Publishing	75,200	75,000	73,700	200	1,500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	36,800	36,400	36,200	200	600
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,400	77,200	75,400	200	2,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,500	28,600	30,600	-100	-2,100
Petroleum Refining	25,300	25,300	27,300	0	-2,000
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,500	7,800	-300	600
Other Nondurable Goods	34,000	34,300	33,900	-300	100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,733,400**	**5,788,600**	**5,555,200**	**-55,200**	**178,200**
Mining	**180,100**	**181,700**	**186,000**	**-1,600**	**-5,900**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Minrls., exc. Fuel	9,100	9,200	10,000	-100	-900
Oil & Gas Extraction	171,000	172,500	176,000	-1,500	-5,000
Construction	**310,400**	**317,000**	**317,700**	**-6,600**	**-7,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**393,200**	**396,800**	**378,200**	**-3,600**	**15,000**
Railroad Transportation	19,200	19,600	20,800	-400	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	217,200	219,400	199,100	-2,200	18,100
Transportation by Air	66,800	66,500	56,400	300	10,400
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,100	81,600	82,300	-500	-1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,700	76,200	76,000	-500	-300
Electric Services	40,700	40,700	41,500	0	-800
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,700	27,100	-400	200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,659,900**	**1,689,700**	**1,618,100**	**-29,800**	**41,800**
Wholesale Trade	413,400	414,000	405,700	-600	7,700
Retail Trade	1,246,500	1,275,700	1,212,400	-29,200	34,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,900	42,600	41,500	-700	400
General Merchandise Stores	173,200	184,200	164,400	-11,000	8,800
Food Stores	224,000	225,900	219,600	-1,900	4,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,700	135,600	134,200	-900	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	85,100	90,100	84,900	-5,000	200
Eating & Drinking Places	404,800	409,000	386,100	-4,200	18,700
Other Retail Trade	182,800	188,300	181,700	-5,500	1,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**440,300**	**440,400**	**435,100**	**-100**	**5,200**
Banking	96,800	96,400	93,000	400	3,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,400	141,500	139,100	-100	2,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,100	202,500	203,000	-400	-900
Services	**1,543,300**	**1,549,300**	**1,456,800**	**-5,500**	**87,200**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	80,700	81,600	80,300	-900	400
Personal Services	85,700	86,100	83,300	-400	2,400
Business & Repair Services	432,900	434,400	403,100	-1,500	29,800
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	54,300	55,400	48,800	-1,100	5,500
Health Services	429,800	427,400	401,400	2,400	28,400
Educational Services	74,900	77,000	75,800	-2,100	-900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	385,500	387,400	363,900	-1,900	21,600
Total Government	**1,205,700**	**1,213,700**	**1,163,500**	**-8,000**	**42,200**
Federal Government	199,800	199,200	195,200	600	4,600
State Government	238,600	244,500	235,800	-5,900	2,800
Local Government	767,300	770,000	732,500	-2,700	34,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**	JAN.'89*	DEC.'88**	JAN.'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,500	54,000	52,700	96,500	97,800	96,400	419,500	423,300	422,900
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,000	4,000	6,500	5,200	6,500	25,400	21,200	29,300
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	5.6%	7.6%	6.7%	5.3%	6.7%	6.1%	5.0%	6.9%
Total Employment ++	49,800	51,000	48,700	90,000	92,600	89,900	394,100	402,100	393,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,400	161,600	160,200	82,300	82,700	80,400	93,000	97,500	96,900
Total Unemployment	17,600	14,100	19,100	6,600	5,400	7,700	12,400	10,500	16,300
Percent Unemployed	10.9%	8.7%	11.9%	8.0%	6.5%	9.6%	13.3%	10.8%	16.8%
Total Employment ++	143,800	147,500	141,100	75,700	77,300	72,700	80,600	87,000	80,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,700	59,700	54,500	155,300	155,500	155,900	1,429.8	1,447.4	1,426.9
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,300	2,900	14,100	11,700	17,500	84.6	70.3	91.3
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	3.9%	5.3%	9.1%	7.5%	11.2%	5.9%	4.9%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	53,500	57,400	51,600	141,200	143,800	138,400	1,345.2	1,377.1	1,335.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,600	241,100	235,900	675,700	681,400	672,900	103,700	104,800	107,000
Total Unemployment	26,300	23,200	27,200	42,100	34,900	46,700	9,100	7,300	11,700
Percent Unemployed	11.0%	9.6%	11.5%	6.2%	5.1%	6.9%	8.8%	7.0%	10.9%
Total Employment ++	212,300	217,900	208,700	633,600	646,500	626,200	94,600	97,500	95,300
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,612.4	1,627.9	1,582.4	94,800	95,200	91,800	49,000	48,800	47,300
Total Unemployment	108.2	87.6	126.8	8,100	6,800	7,500	7,400	6,100	8,000
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	5.4%	8.0%	8.5%	7.1%	8.2%	15.1%	12.5%	16.9%
Total Employment ++	1,506.2	1,540.3	1,455.6	86,700	88,400	84,300	41,600	42,700	39,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,800	78,700	78,300	112,100	115,300	110,700	162,200	162,200	154,000
Total Unemployment	7,600	6,000	8,100	6,100	6,000	6,700	30,000	26,000	30,200
Percent Unemployed	9.6%	7.6%	10.3%	5.4%	5.2%	6.1%	18.5%	16.0%	19.6%
Total Employment ++	71,200	72,700	70,200	106,000	109,300	104,000	132,200	136,200	123,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,800	49,300	49,200	52,300	52,400	53,500	44,400	45,100	44,200
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,600	3,700	4,600	3,500	4,500	3,000	2,400	2,700
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	5.3%	7.5%	8.8%	6.7%	8.4%	6.8%	5.3%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	45,600	46,700	45,500	47,700	48,900	49,000	41,400	42,700	41,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	600,000	606,300	595,400	47,600	48,000	48,600	57,100	57,500	57,000
Total Unemployment	48,000	40,200	50,000	3,300	2,800	3,800	4,800	3,800	4,800
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	6.6%	8.4%	6.9%	5.8%	7.8%	8.4	6.6	8.4
Total Employment ++	552,000	566,100	545,400	44,300	45,200	44,800	52,300	53,700	52,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,800	74,400	74,400	35,200	35,200	36,100	91,700	93,500	91,800
Total Unemployment	5,600	4,800	6,200	2,400	1,900	3,000	6,000	5,500	8,200
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	6.5%	8.3%	6.8%	5.4%	8.3%	6.5%	5.9%	8.9%
Total Employment ++	68,200	69,600	68,200	32,800	33,300	33,100	85,700	88,000	83,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	57,400	56,600				8,188.1	8,265.9	8,138.6
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,100	4,400				621.8	515.2	680.6
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	5.4%	7.8%				7.6%	6.2%	8.4%
Total Employment ++	53,200	54,300	52,200				7,566.3	7,750.7	7,458.0

✦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan.'89*	Dec.'88	Jan.'88	Jan.'89*	Dec.'88	Jan.'88	Jan.'89*	Dec.'88	Jan.'88
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 417.73	$ 427.06	$ 415.07	41.4	42.2	41.8	$ 10.09	10.12	9.93
Durable Goods	419.09	427.70	412.15	41.7	42.6	41.8	10.05	10.04	9.86
Lumber & Wood Products	295.30	297.05	294.26	40.9	41.2	40.2	7.22	7.21	7.32
Furniture & Fixtures	263.74	277.95	236.43	39.6	41.3	37.0	6.66	6.73	6.39
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	392.89	398.04	386.98	41.4	42.3	41.7	9.49	9.41	9.28
Primary Metal Industries	454.57	447.95	452.63	41.1	41.4	42.5	11.06	10.82	10.65
Fabricated Metal Products	386.38	401.78	386.61	42.6	44.2	43.1	9.07	9.09	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	438.18	447.62	432.43	43.6	44.1	43.2	10.05	10.15	10.01
Oil Field Machinery	503.08	525.08	511.21	45.2	46.1	45.2	11.13	11.39	11.31
Electric & Electronic Equip.	452.79	459.90	417.64	41.2	42.0	39.7	10.99	10.95	10.52
Transportation Equipment	545.24	557.60	556.26	41.4	42.5	43.8	13.17	13.12	12.70
Instruments & Related Prod.	383.66	385.69	372.02	40.3	40.9	41.8	9.52	9.43	8.90
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	271.49	281.24	280.82	38.4	39.5	38.0	7.07	7.12	7.39
Nondurable Goods	415.74	428.22	418.25	41.0	41.9	41.7	10.14	10.22	10.03
Food & Kindred Products	341.96	357.33	352.77	41.4	43.0	42.4	8.26	8.31	8.32
Meat Products	262.28	260.83	264.77	40.6	41.8	41.5	6.46	6.24	6.38
Malt Beverages	886.15	916.70	797.90	47.9	49.1	44.7	18.50	18.67	17.85
Textile Mill Products	355.94	350.52	343.38	45.4	45.7	46.8	7.84	7.67	7.35
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	209.91	203.30	202.95	38.8	38.0	36.9	5.41	5.35	5.50
Paper & Allied Products	470.24	490.50	477.48	43.3	45.0	44.5	10.86	10.90	10.73
Printing & Publishing	378.66	397.45	374.57	37.0	38.7	38.3	10.18	10.27	9.78
Chemicals & Allied Products	672.24	688.90	676.02	42.9	43.3	44.3	15.67	15.91	15.26
Petroleum & Coal Products	697.22	717.55	675.84	44.1	45.3	44.0	15.81	15.84	15.36
Petroleum Refining	728.97	752.95	704.11	44.1	45.8	44.2	16.53	16.44	15.93
Leather & Leather Products	231.80	249.15	213.56	38.0	39.8	38.9	6.10	6.26	5.49
Other Nondurable Goods	395.45	397.98	398.45	43.6	43.4	45.0	9.07	9.17	8.81
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	521.42	525.71	511.66	40.8	41.2	41.7	12.78	12.76	12.27
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	492.05	522.82	557.69	43.2	44.8	45.9	11.39	11.67	12.15
Oil & Gas Extraction	522.93	526.44	508.39	40.6	41.0	41.4	12.88	12.84	12.28
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	498.23	491.38	495.51	39.2	38.6	39.8	12.71	12.73	12.45
Elec., Gas & San. Services	493.29	480.27	483.63	39.4	38.7	41.8	12.52	12.41	11.57
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.74	236.76	225.78	32.6	33.3	31.8	7.17	7.11	7.10
Wholesale Trade	406.06	404.24	390.64	39.5	39.4	39.3	10.28	10.26	9.94
Retail Trade	181.48	187.11	175.23	30.5	31.5	29.5	5.95	5.94	5.94
General Merchandise Stores	174.34	191.75	163.06	29.7	32.5	25.8	5.87	5.90	6.32
Banking	291.73	268.60	268.99	39.8	37.1	38.1	7.33	7.24	7.06

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 414.29	$ 424.20	$ 401.14	41.1	42.0	41.1	$ 10.08	$ 10.10	9.76
Durable Goods	445.36	460.10	422.71	41.7	43.0	41.2	10.68	10.70	10.26
Nondurable Goods	362.40	365.62	364.34	40.0	40.4	40.8	9.06	9.05	8.93
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	444.44	449.19	427.00	41.0	41.4	40.9	10.84	10.85	10.44
Durable Goods	466.07	472.04	450.73	41.1	41.7	41.2	11.34	11.32	10.94
Nondurable Goods	391.94	394.63	371.57	40.7	40.6	40.3	9.63	9.72	9.22
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	501.40	524.70	494.31	43.6	45.0	43.9	11.50	11.66	11.26
Durable Goods	438.82	450.96	423.20	45.1	46.3	43.9	9.73	9.74	9.64
Nondurable Goods	579.21	614.43	576.84	41.7	43.3	44.0	13.89	14.19	13.11
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	299.25	299.77	293.72	39.9	39.6	38.8	7.50	7.57	7.57
Durable Goods	328.20	320.77	319.02	39.4	38.6	39.0	8.33	8.31	8.18
Nondurable Goods	273.51	280.67	270.97	40.4	40.5	38.6	6.77	6.93	7.02

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Finished Textile Products, Chemicals and Allied Products, and Printing and Publishing. These gains were partially offset by a sizeable decline in Petroleum and Coal Products and a smaller cutback in Food and Kindred Products.

Employers in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** added 9,300 jobs over the year. The Wholesale sector contributed a sizeable portion of the gain, and Retail Trade increased by almost 7,000 jobs. The largest growth occurred in Eating and Drinking Places and in General Merchandise Stores, while the biggest decrease was in Food Stores.

Transportation and Public Utilities generated almost 8,000 jobs between 1987 and 1988. All of the gains were centered in Transportation, except Railroads, with most of this growth produced by Transportation by Air. Other sectors of this group recorded declines over the year.

Mining (primarily **Oil and Gas Extraction**) advanced by over 3,000 jobs in 1988. This increase, however, only pushed employment back up close to the level recorded over a decade ago, in 1978. Employment in this sector is not expected to expand rapidly in the near future.

The only major industry sector which lost jobs between 1987 and 1988 was **Construction**, where employment declined by close to 18,000. Although the decrease in 1988 was moderate compared to sharp cutbacks recorded in 1986 and 1987, the cumulative effect of the downturn has reduced Construction employment to a level close to that recorded in 1976.

In general, Texas experienced a stronger and broader-based economic recovery during 1988 that had been projected. The State's economy has proved to be more resilient than ever before. The lessening of Texas' dependence on oil and gas as the backbone of its economy has intensified the movement toward a more diverse economic base. Texas businesses have created, in one year's time, more jobs than were lost during the worst economic crunch we have experienced in the last decade.

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	JAN.'89	JAN.'88
Total Population	16,929,000*	16,833,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.9
UI Covered Employers	310,713	311,710
Total Claims Actions	613,842	616,670
Total Initial Claims Actions	74,063	76,316
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	539,779	540,354
Total Placements	28,278	22,972
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.57	$152.74
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$65,679,340	$67,575,795

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS DROP

There were an estimated 622,300 manufacturing production workers in Texas in mid-January 1989, down 1,600 from the December 1988 estimate. The average production worker in January 1989 was working 41.4 hours a week at $10.09 per hour, and earning an average of $417.73 a week. Average Weekly Hours dropped by 0.8 hour between December 1988 and January 1989, while Average Hourly Earnings declined by 3¢. These combined decreases pushed Average Weekly Earnings down by $9.33 over the month.

Although Average Weekly Hours had declined from January 1988 by 0.4 hour, Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 16¢ over the year, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up a modest $2.66 between January 1988 and January 1989. Average Hours worked decreased over the month and over the year in both the Durable and Nondurable Goods sectors. Average Hourly Earnings inched up by one cent in Durable Goods between December and January, while Nondurable Goods lost 8¢ in hourly wages over the month. Over the year, however, Average Hourly Earnings increased by 19¢ in the Durable Goods sector and by 11¢ in Nondurable Goods.

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